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Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A photographic service system comprising:

(a) at least one ~~or more of an~~ image input apparatus comprising:

(1) means for receiving automatically conducting an order by ~~itself without a dedicated operator,~~ receiving process to receive an image input order;

(2) means for photographic processing performing photographic processing to develop a silver halide photographic light-sensitive material; [,]

(3) means for converting image recording information of the silver halide photographic light-sensitive material after the photographic processing into digital image data through with an image sensor; [,] and

(4) retrieval information issuing means for receiving and issuing an a retrieval ID for retrieving digital image data and for outputting an index print after receiving corresponding to the received order; and

(b) an image server comprising:

(1) means for communicating with the image input apparatus through a network to receive the digital image data from the at least one image input apparatus; and

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(2) means for giving the retrieval ID for retrieving digital image data to the digital image data transferred from the image input apparatus, for transmitting the retrieval ID to the image input apparatus, and for storing on the image server the digital image data in association with the retrieval ID.

2. (Currently Amended) The photographic service system of claim 1, wherein at least one of the image input apparatus comprises further comprising:

means for capturing retrieving the digital image data from the image server by inputting the retrieval ID for retrieving; and

means for storing the captured retrieved image data in on a detachable external memory medium.

3. (Currently Amended) The photographic service system of claim 1, further comprising a client computer, having said client computer comprising:

means for communicating with the image server through a the network; [,]

wherein the image input apparatus comprises means for issuing, after receiving the order, a home page address, an ID for retrieving digital image data and an index print, and the client computer further comprises,

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10 means for enabling an operator a client computer user to read the digital image data by inputting the retrieval ID for retrieving digital image data while the client computer is communicated in communication with the image server through the network; [,] and

15 means for storing the digital image data into a memory medium of the client computer;

wherein the retrieval information issuing means of the image input apparatus issues a home page corresponding to the digital image data.

4. (Currently Amended) The photographic service system of claim 1, wherein the image input apparatus comprises further comprising:

means for receiving an order for producing a digital print;
5 means for issuing, after receiving an order, an ID for retrieving digital image data;

means for preparing an order data file in which the including a content of the order for the digital print and the retrieval ID for retrieving are recorded;

10 means for transferring the order data file in the state of being separated to the image server separately from the digital image data to the image server;

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means for reading out the order data file and for reading
out the digital image data from the image server based on the
15 basis of the retrieval ID for retrieving recorded in the read
out order data file; and

means for producing a digital print based on the basis of
the order data file.

5. (Currently Amended) The photographic service system of
claim 1, further comprising means for producing a digital print
from the digital image data stored in the image server; [,]

wherein the image input apparatus further comprises means
5 for issuing an order form with an the index print attached in
which thereto, said order form including the retrieval ID and a
column to be filled with in which an order for the digital print
is to be entered. and an ID for retrieving digital image data are
described.

6. (Currently Amended) The photographic service system of
claim 1, wherein the image input apparatus further comprises
means for issuing an order form with an the index print attached
in which thereto, said order form including the retrieval ID, at
5 least one of a telephone number and a facsimile number, and a
column to be filled with in which an order for a digital print is
to be entered. , an ID for retrieving digital image data, and at

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~~least one of a telephone number and a facsimile number are described.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The photographic service system of claim 1, further comprising means for producing a digital print from the digital image data stored in the image server; [[,]]
wherein the image input apparatus comprises means for
5 issuing an order form to which index print and the retrieval ID are with an index print and an ID for retrieving digital image data attached, in which an order for producing the digital print is described.

8. (Currently Amended) The photographic service system of claim 3, wherein the client computer is further able to make an order for producing comprises means for ordering a digital print.

9. (Currently Amended) The photographic service system of claim 1, wherein the at least two or more of the one image input apparatus are provided comprises at least two image input apparatuses.

Claims 10-13 (Canceled).

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